

24. (Twice amended) A method of reducing the level and/or activity of a target protein in an eukaryotic cell via the activation of ubiquitination of said target protein comprising contacting said cell with a compound comprising;

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- a) a ubiquitination recognition element which is able to bind to either the E3 or E2 elements of the ubiquitination system, wherein said ubiquitination recognition element has a molecular weight less than 30,000 and has a binding affinity for said E3 and/or E2 elements of the ubiquitination system of at least  $10^3 \text{ M}^{-1}$  and;
  - b) a target protein binding element that is able to bind specifically to said target protein wherein said target protein binding element has a molecular weight of less than 30,000 and has a binding affinity for said target protein greater than  $10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}$ ,

wherein said ubiquitination recognition element is covalently linked to said target protein binding element.

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Please add the following new claim.

43 (New). The method of claim 24 wherein said ubiquitination recognition element has a molecular weight between 50 and 10,000.